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Henderson Resigns; Tisa Voted Acting President; Taft Law Affidavits Signed

FTA members at the big Van Camp Seafood cannery in San Diego, Calif., distribute leaflets protesting mass layoffs and firings by the $5,500,000 concern. Speedup and new machinery installed by the company threaten the jobs of 84 out of every 96 workers. Katie Rodriguez, newly elected Business Agent—her majority was 455 to 77—is third from left. *(see story page 3)*

Students and teachers at the FTA school held at Nature Friends camp in Pennsylvania line up for their picture. School included courses in steward training, handling grievances, political action, CIO relations and other similar subjects. Organization Director John Tisa spoke on CIO policy; Director Herbert Kling taught a course on the Campbell Soup-Bedaux pay system.

Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., July 24, the Intl. Executive Board took the following actions:

1. Unanimously accepted the resignation of Donald Henderson as General President of FTA, and unanimously appointed him as National Administrative Director.

2. Unanimously elected John Tisa as Acting General President while continuing in the post of National Director of Organization.

The action followed a June meeting of the Board in which the vote was taken on FTA compliance with the Taft-Hartley affidavits and other requirements for use of the National Labor Relations Board.

The resignation of Henderson and his appointment as National Administrative Director, and the election of Tisa were announced in a unanimous Executive Board resolution praising him as the "outstanding leader" of FTA and declaring that the union must not allow Taft-Hartley to deprive FTA members of his leadership.

Henderson submitted a statement on his resignation to the Board which was also accepted unanimously. Text of all three statements and resolutions are given in full on inside pages.

FTA Wins $960,000 For Leaf Workers

A vigorous and sustained campaign by FTA in North Carolina has brought nearly $1,000,000, to 6,000 seasonal workers in 37 leafhouses in the state.

The victory came when the largest tobacco firm in the world, Imperial Tobacco, agreed to withdraw an exemption under N.C. law which permitted them to avoid paying unemployment compensation taxes on seasonal workers.

Under the exemption, passed in 1947 as part of the general employers' attack on living standards, leaf houses were able to save $1 in taxes for every $10 the workers lost in unemployment compensation.

Announced by Mrs. Gertrude Green, president of FTA Local 10 in Wilson, N.C., the victory amounts to an increase of at least $150 in income for the seasonal workers—an amount equal to a 20 cent wage increase.

The victory at Imperial leaves only one major tobacco firm—R. J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem—that still takes unfair advantage of the legal loophole to cheat seasonal workers of benefits rightly due them. Reynolds, which has an annual profit of around $39,000,000 a year, saves the insignificant sum of $30,000 by dodging the tax.

The campaign to lift the exemptions was largely sparked by Negro women workers, who are the majority in the leafhouses. A large delegation went to the state legislature last session on the issue, but was rebuffed by the Democrats in control. Last week a similar group of rank and filers led by Local 22 co-Chairman Robert C. Black went to the Winston-Salem city council to urge it to act with Reynolds to lift the exemption.

Both times the politicians failed to respond—despite the boasts of the Truman Democrats that North Carolina is the "progresssive" state of the South.

The victory rounds out a campaign by Local 10 in 1946, when it first went into the leafhouses and fought for the benefits legally due the leafhouse workers.

Score on Congress

TEARING UP THE BILL OF RIGHTS

by Elizabeth Sasuly

Last Friday, July 22nd, the Mundt-Ferguson bill stopped being a crackpot Republican nightmare and became a living threat to the people of the United States, with no word yet on where the Democratic Administration stands. FTA's predictions that this bill, which outlaws the Communist Party and sets up a Subvetsive Activities board of three people who have the power to decide what organizations have the right to exist, might be pushed into action, came true when a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Senator Eastland (D., Miss.), unanimously reported a revised version bearing the names of Mundt (R., S.D.), Ferguson (R., Mich.) and Johnston (D., S.C.).

The bill, S 2311, could outlaw any union that supported any policy also supported by the Communist Party. Since Communists have endorsed a $1.00 minimum wage, repeal of Taft-Hartley and other measures which are part of every union's program, no union would be safe.

The union would be ordered to label all its communications as those of a "communist" organization, and told to register as a "communist front" or face prosecution. Obviously, any union or other progressive organization would face destruction if it registered and prosecution if it did not.

This isn't just another bill. It is a proposal to throw away the constitution of the United States, and has been so branded by outstanding constitutional authorities in the country and by every organization which cherishes the preservation of democracy.

You may ask: "Doesn't this make it impossible for Congress to pass such a law?" The answer is NO. Last year, the Mundt-Nixon bill passed the House. This year, its supporters in the Senate have cleverly started it rolling late in the session, but with enough time left—about five weeks—to put it through **unless we stop it.** The people who think it is impossible for such a bill to pass are as wrong as those who believed the funny little man with the mustache could never get any place in Germany.

But it is true that we can stop the Mundt-Ferguson-Johnson Bill. Beginning Monday, July 31st, it will be considered by the full Senate Judiciary Committee.

If you want to keep on living in the kind of United States where we can fight to improve our wages and working conditions and the kind of Congress and government we have, write and wire Senator Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee immediately. Also send communications to Senator J. Howard McGrath, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who is a member of the Committee. Remind them that the Administration's pledge was to pass civil rights legislation, not to kill the civil rights we now have. And remind them also of President Truman's recent statement on the danger of "witch-hunts."

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On July 20th, a labor law passed by Congress was signed by the President and became law. Anything to do with Taft-Hartley repeal? Hardly. The bill which is the total achievement of the 81st Congress to date in the field of labor takes protection of the Wage-Hour Law from longshoremen and deprives them of back overtime pay which they had won in the courts. In doing so, it continues the process of destroying the Wage Hour Act which was begun with the so called anti-portal to portal law. The Wage Hour Division is just beginning to get out regulations to explain how the bill affects all workers' overtime pay. President Truman turned down labor's demand that the bill be vetoed.

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The bill for a 75-cent minimumwage is technically the order of business in the Senate. But hardly a word has been said about it on the Senate floor, because it was brought up with the understanding that it would be displaced by appropriations bills, as they came up. The Administration has made a deal to dump all attempts to cut out exemptions affecting food and tobacco workers, in order to get a 75 cent minimum.

National CIO, which is on record supporting FTA's fight to eliminate these exemptions, has backed down on its committments and refuses to fight to kill the exemptions in the present law. The bill before the Senate is S 653. Write your senators to support amendments eliminating the "first processing" and "seasonal" overtime exemptions.

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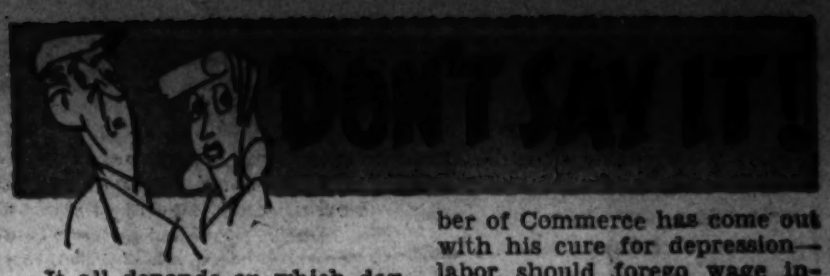
July 25th, the date on which the 52-20 program of veterans unemployment benefits ran out, is past and Congress has taken no action to extend these benefits. More than half a million unemployed veterans are the losers. After much stalling, the Senate Labor Committee unanimously reported a bill to extend 52-20 for one year. In the House, about a hundred congressmen have signed Discharge Petition No. 4 to bring this issue to a vote. Two hundred eighteen signatures are required.

FTA supports and has worked for extension of veterans benefits. Your two senators and your congressman should hear from you on this immediately.



It all depends on which day you read it. According to the Journal of Commerce for July 19, a proposed Congressional probe of food monopoly profits was "Hailed As Chance To Show Profits Moderate." On July 21, the same paper had another item saying that profits of General Foods, one of the biggest of the trusts, were up to $1.18 a share as against 99 cents the year before—an increase of almost 20%. As the Camel commercials might say . . . how mild, how mild, how mild can a profiteer be.

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The same Journal of Commerce is also worried about the "attack on big business," especially the government's so-called suit against the duPont empire, Congressional "threats" to investigate the insurance racket, etc. Relax, bud. The government started investigating the trusts and the insurance rackets back in the 1870's. And since then they've grown bigger, and bigger, and bigger.

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Besides, Tom Clark is fully occupied these days persecuting trade union leaders. You can't do a real job on both.

The head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has come out with his cure for depression—labor should forego wage increases and increase productivity. Then, the man said, prices will come down. Anybody in the house remember 1932?

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This one goes without comment. It's from Westbrook Pegler, speaking to a Congressional committee: "The topic which this subcommittee has put to me is the absence of democracy in unions. I know little if anyhing about that because I am not interested in democracy anywhere except to oppose it."

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General MacArthur has outlawed demonstrations by Japanese workers against a new anti-strike law. General Counsel Denham of the NLRB has ruled that a plantgate demonstration by U.S. workers protesting Taft-Hartley is illegal. Now the question arises, who won the war? Must have been Pegler.

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Memo to the labor brass that supports Truman: a non-union man is painting the President's house in Independence, Mo.

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Don't tell me you REALLY want to eat. . . .

FTA Teaches unAmericans 1st Lesson in Democracy

By C. W. FOWLER

The House unAmerican Activities Committee got a lesson in the U.S. Constitution this week. They didn't like it, but they had to take it at the hands of Elizabeth Sasuly, legislative representative of FTA and of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

The lesson set a precedent for the unAmerican group because it forced them to listen, for the first time in their 11-year history of union-smearing, to the first and fifth amendments to the Bill of Rights. These are the sections that guarantee every citizen the right of freedom of belief and association and also to protection against persecution for his beliefs and associations.

The lesson came when the committee counsel, a company lawyer from Virginia,, asked Mrs. Sasuly if she knew a long list of individuals scattered all over the country. The people he named were trade unionists, New Dealers, Progressive party leaders and plain rank and filers. The idea was to smear FTA, Mine, Mill and Sasuly with her supposedly "subversive" connections.

Not Your Business

It didn't work. To each such question Sasuly answered: "Mr. Chairman, I must object to that question because under the amendment to the constitution, my opinions, beliefs, associations, political, social or religion are not within the province of any inquiry by this or any any other committee or tribunal.

"Second, the subject of the question cannot possibly be relevant, in my opinion, to any inquiry concerning unAmerican activities and is therefore beyond the jurisdiction of this committee.

"Finally, I must assert my privilege under the fifth amendment."

(This statment protects a citizen from being forced to testify against himself. As Sasuly pointed out, it is intended to protect the innocent from persecution, and its use does not in any way imply guilt. It was written by Thomas Jefferson to stop a wave of illegal political persecutions led by the reactionaries of his time.)

The unAmericans were determined that Sasuly would not be allowed to read her statement. From the chairman on down, they tried their hardest to deny her the right even to refer to the U.S. Constitution.

But Sasuly won her point. She forced the committee to listen while she read from the Bill of Rights. They didn't like it — and from the way they listened, it was obvious most of them had never heard it before.

Sasuly, by refusing to let her union or her associates be dragged into an unAmerican smear, did more than refuse to lend herself to an anti-union mudslinging match. She also defended the Constitution that was designed to protect all Americans from unjust and illegal persecution.

The unAmerican committee violates the U.S. Constitution every time its members open their mouths. The existence of the committee itself is a defiance of the Bill of Rights. Its methods—hearings without the right to real representation by counsel, frequent hearings in secret, the refusal to let the witness testify unless he does so as the committee dictates, clearly violate every American concept of fair trial and fair play.

To refuse to let such an unAmerican gang use you for a stoolpigeon, for a smear brush against your union is not simply an act of self-defense. It is an act of real patriotism, in which the witness, as Sasuly did, upholds the rights that the committee is determined to tear down.

'New Look' Slips

After the election of Truman and the 81st Congress the unAmerican committee was supposed to have acquired a "new look." The new look slipped badly during the Sasuly-FTA-Mine, Mill hearings. Chairman John S. Wood (D-Ga.) said bluntly at one point: "I make all the rulings here." Other members tried to threaten the witness, one of them growling "when do we cite somebody around here."

Most obvious of all was the committee's crude attempt to deny Sasuly the elementary right to read her statement or even to consult with the union attorney, Harold Cammer. This was an attempt to deny free speech in its baldest form. But because FTA and Mine, Mill's legislative representative had guts, it didn't work.

But perhaps the most painful experience of all to the unAmericans was being forced to listen to a reading from the Bill of Rights. That and Sasuly's crack about Alice in Wonderland, where "the verdict came first and trial afterwards."

Years ago union organizers used to be arrested for reading the Constitution on street corners. The unAmerican committee in attempting to badger Sasuly out of her constitutional rights was trying the same thing.

After an hour's badgering, the committee gave up. They went back to their favorite sport of headline hunting — this time on the Alger Hiss case.

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Local 80 Saves Benefits For Laid-Off Workers

Many hundreds of Campbell Soup workers who might otherwise have lost out on unemployment compensation were assured of benefit checks due them by prompt action of Local 80, Camden, N.J.

The rush job was done with the aid of volunteers from the local, who did the clerical work necessary to register the workers in the union hall.

The union action was made necessary by the fact that the workers were laid off some time ago by Campbell Soup and were not rehired in time to receive the two weeks vacation pay under the contract with the company. Without the unemployment compensation checks, they would have had no money at all to tide them over the two weeks vacation period.

"These workers have earned the vacations the union contract calls for, but since Campbell's management did not see fit to rehire them in time to qualify, they need money to tide them over the two weeks," Local 80 President Herbert Kling said.

"The unemployment benefits are theirs by right and law, and the union is happy to see they get them," added Business Agent Anthony Valentino.

Here are a small group of the more than 1,200 Campbell Soup workers who were able to register for unemployment compensation due to FTA Local 80's alertness on the job. Benefit checks came to the workers due to Local 80's quick action in providing registration help at the local's hall in Camden, N. J.

26 Straightens Out Planters On Bias Against FTA Members

Planters Nut and Chocolate, Suffolk, Va., is learning the hard way not to show prejudice in favor of non-union members and not to try pushing the members around.

The lesson was given by the local when it stopped a case of partiality towards non-members in one department and also forced a foreman to apologize for trying to threaten a member in the same shop.

As a result of this and the new contract (FTA News, May) the local reports that many workers, especially white workers, are flocking into the union.

In another case, the local stepped in to stop a "racial incident" of the kind the company likes to foster when it secured the suspension of a white male worker who had slapped a Negro woman in the plant. The local is protesting the company's action in also suspending the Negro worker involved in the incident.

Workers at Lummis and Co., also in Suffolk and also in Local 26, got a wage increase in recent negotiations. Chief problem here, the local reports, is layoffs. The union is combatting these by setting up a special committee to see that unemployment compensation is paid fairly and promptly. One worker who was arbitrarily cut off from compensation was put back on the rolls through union protest.

FTA 64 Fights for Jobs Threatened by Speedup

A mass campaign of protest by the thousands of tuna cannery workers represented by FTA Local 64 in San Diego, Calif., has brought relief from arbitrary firings due to speedup in the big Van Camp plant there.

The campaign included distribution of scores of thousands of leaflets pointing out the dangers to the community, a protest stoppage and strong resistance to a lockout by the Van Camp Sea Food Co.

The speedup threat to hundreds of workers' jobs came with the introduction of new machinery for automatic packing of tuna fish which would displace most of the workers on the hand pack.

Two machines installed in an AFL cannery displaced all but 12 of the 84 workers originally required to do the pack by hand. The loss was easy to figure—72 workers thrown out by only two machines.

As the result of the mass campaign, the company has now agreed to give Local 64 sufficient advance notice of impending layoffs and to the steps to provide jobs in other departments for displaced workers.

The local is also negotiating for a new contract with a 25 cent wage increase, eight paid holidays and a guaranteed eight hour work day.

Tuna workers—members of FTA Local 64—tell the people of San Diego, Calif., of the dangers to the community involved in the threatened loss of hundreds of jobs in the Van Camp seafood cannery there. Job threat comes through company insistence on throwing workers out of jobs by speedup, "labor saving." .....

FTA LOCAL 7 REJECTS WAGE CUT SCHEME OF BOSSES, AFL RAIDERS

By ROBERT KINNEY
Assistant Regional Director

(FTA Local 7, which has represented the Alaska salmon workers for many years, is now being subjected to a raid by officials of the AFL Seafarers Union, working in cahoots with the Alaska Salmon Industry, Inc. Latest evidence of AFL double-dealing on a proposed 50 percent wage cut is told in this article by FTA Regional Director Robert Kinney.)

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The real intent of the union wrecking program fostered by the Alaska Salmon Industry, Inc., with the help of the AFL Seafarers Union was disclosed when they hatched a program that would cut present wages by 50 percent and would eliminate more than 1,000 jobs in the salmon canning industry.

Under the contract held by Local 7 FTA-CIO, workers who are shipped to Alaska for cannery work in this $60,000,000 operation receive a two-month wage guarantee. The Alaska Salmon plan would cut that in half.

The salmon operation is divided into two distinct areas of operation, each having its separate seasons. These are the Northernmost areas which consists of the Peninsula district, Bristol Bay, Seldovia, etc., and the Southeastern area which extends from Yakutat Bay on the north to Dixon Entrance on the south. Most of the workers going to canneries in the northern areas have already been shipped while those going to Southeastern will not leave until late August due to the lateness of the season there.

In past years after a worker had completed the season at the cannery for which he was hired, he was shipped back to the port of embarkation and paid off on the basis of the two-month wage guarantee unless the work lasted longer.

The SIU-ASI plan would enable the operator to transfer workers from a cannery in the north, after they have completed one season, to another cannery in the Southeastern district, Here's where the stickler comes in. The workers, under this phony deal, will only receive one month's wages for his labor from the cannery that he is transferred to in Southeastern. This means a 50 percent wage cut.

Last year, as in preceding years, the workers in all canneries in the Southeastern district were hired and dispatched from Seattle and received two months pay for the season. In addition to cutting the wages in half this program reduces the number of jobs in the industry by nearly 50 percent. Should the industry carry out such a program it will mean that there will be about 1,200 workers left on the beach in Seattle, jobless—1,200 workers who were employed in Alaskan canneries last year and have the right to return according to the seniority provisions in the Local 7 agreement with the industry.

Local 7 Rejects Scheme

The salmon industry is using the same tactics in trying to put this "steal" over as those which were concocted by the steamship operators against the Canadian seamen in which case the same Lundberg Seafarers, with their gangsters and armed thugs, were engaged as a "strikebreaking" agency to divide and defeat the workers. On June 9, after the plot had been worked out with the SIU, the Salmon Industry presented it to Local 7 in writing asking that they agree to the same rotten program. It met with unanimous rejection in a coastwise vote of Local 7. In its stead the workers insisted that their negotiating committee continue the fight for the following demands:

- **An increase of $40 a month across the board.**
- **A 40-hour week with time and one-half for all overtime work performed.** *(The industry now has a 48-hour straight time work week).*
- **Union hiring hall free from industry control and racketeering.** *(The industry is trying to re-introduce the vicious contract system which will require workers to buy jobs from a crimp or labor contractor).*
- **Overtime for all work performed which comes outside the jurisdiction of the union.**
- **Overtime for all work performed by the culinary department on Saturdays and Sundays.**
- **Reclassification of certain jobs.**
- **Elimination of the abandonment of operations clause.** *(This clause allows the employer to declare an abandonment of operations at will and return the crew to the port of embarkation without paying them their season's wages).*
- **Grievance procedure.** *At present the union is forced into the courts to settle most of the workers' grievances).*
- **Parity in the industry.** *(The wages and conditions of resident workers are far below the standards set by Local 7. The union is asking that this practice be eliminated and that all workers receive equal pay for equal work).*

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FTA Officers Sign Taft-Hartley Law Affidavits to Protect Union

Declaring that FTA was still unalterably opposed to Taft-Hartley and would fight for repeal until T-H was wiped off the books, the international Executive Board of FTA-CIO voted for compliance with the affidavits and other requirements for use of the National Labor Relations Board.

The decision was taken, the board said, only on the issue: "how best can we defend the interests of our membership" in the critical situation brough about by refusal to repeal Taft-Hartley and by the "rule or ruin" tactics of the "right-wing national CIO leadership."

Full text of the FTA board resolution follows:

The members of FTA are now and always have been opposed to the Taft-Hartley law and to Taft-Hartleyism in all its forms. The Taft-Hartley law was written by and for the bosses for the sole purpose of busting unions and driving down wages and working conditions.

FTA's opposition to Taft-Hartley will continue until this union-smashing law is totally repealed. We shall fight all attempts through Taft-Hartley or otherwise to deny our members the right to form their own program and to choose their own leaders to carry out those policies.

However, during the past few months the situation facing the American labor movement has radically changed. Rapidly increasing unemployment, layoffs and partial employment have brought the spectre of depression to our doorstep. The bosses under these conditions are increasing the speedup and intensifying their attacks on our membership, our contracts and on our negotiations.

We are faced with a sellout by the present Congress and the Truman administration on the progressive promises made last November. Taft-Hartleyism remains on the law books. The Taft-Hartley law will not be repealed at this session of Congress, or if it is repealed, it will be in name only, with all the objectionable features of Taft-Hartley retained.

Finally, the right-wing national leadership in CIO at last month's executive board meeting adopted a "rule or ruin" policy toward progressive trade unionism in the United States. They have made raiding an official policy of national CIO.

They have delivered an ultimatum that each international union and the membership of each international union cannot adopt or carry out its own programs and policies, but must knuckle under to the decisions made by certain national CIO officers.

The fight for autonomy and democracy and the right of international unions within CIO to adopt and carry out their own programs, based on their own democratic procedures, must be defended against this ultimatum and against these increasing raids.

In order to meet this changed situation it is the considered judgment of the international executive board of FTA that some changes in strategy and tactics are necessary to defend the interests of our membership.

as Acting General President of FTA. "Johnny" is shown speaking at the 1949 FTA Convention in California. He will continue John Tisa, newly elected by the International Executive Board to act in his post as Director of Organization.

The main question is: "How can we best fight to defend the interests of our membership in this situation? How can we best fight against this renewed offensive of the bosses, the reactionary sellout of Congress and the Truman administration with Taft-Hartleyism still on the books, and against the dictatorial and raiding policies of certain national leaders of CIO?

It is our considered opinion that in order to meet certain types of problems which are developing and will develop that the international union should be in a position to utilize the National Labor Relations Board when such a step would help us defend our union, increase our economic strength and defeat the bosses and raiding unions.

Therefore, the international executive board of FTA directs the international officers of FTA to comply with the legal requirements for utilization of the National Labor Relations Board.

We warn all our members and local officers that only after serious consideration in each particular case should local unions comply. Taft-Hartley NLRB is still a pro-employer, anti-labor board. The board should be used only in those cases where it is abundantly clear that such a step will increase the organizational and economic strength of the workers so that they can be better able to fight.

Consequently, the international executive board of FTA feels very strongly that no local union should comply and no case shall be taken to the NLRB by a local union except after consultation with and on the written approval of the international officers of the union.

We reaffirm strongly our conviction that the Taft-Hartley affidavits are an unconstitutional invasion of the democratic rights of our members and of all American workers. We reaffirm the guarantees of freedom of speech, thought and political action contained in the preamble to FTA's international constitution.

We reaffirm our solemn pledge to fight against the Taft-Hartley law until it is completely repealed and to fight against all attempts by the bosses and the government to use it to weaken and divide the labor movement.

HOW THEY VOTED ON T-H SELLOUT

The three votes recorded here show how the Senators from states where FTA members live voted on three key points of the Senate debate on the Taft-Hartley law.

No. 1 on the list was the vote on Sen. Lucas's (D. Ill.) amendment supposedly knocking out specific mention of injunctions, as proposed by Taft. Actually this would have meant a return to the Sen. Douglas (D. Ill.) plan to substitute government seizure for the word injunction. Seizure and injunction add up to the same difference. The Lucas amendment was defeated, 46-44.

No. 2 was the vote on Taft's proposal to have government injunctions and seizure of plants in so-called "national emergency" strikes. **Passed, 50-40.**

No. 3 was the vote on final passage. By that time the bill was pure Taft-Hartley, contained only nine unimportant lines of the original Thomas bill which would have repealed Taft-Hartley. **Passed, 51-42.**

In addition, other sections of the bill repeated Taft-Hartley clauses on "free speech" (read, free intimidation) for bosses; "anti-communist" affidavits, etc. The total adds up to Taft-Hartley all over again, shows a complete failure of the Democrats to live up to Truman's main election pledge—repeal of Taft-Hartley.

NOTE: **"R"** means right vote; **"W"** wrong vote; **"O"** absent; **"PR"** or **"PW"** means paired for or against.

	Vote (1)	Vote (2)	Vote (3)
ALABAMA			
Hill (D)	R	R	R
Sparkman (D)	R	R	R
ARIZONA			
Hayden (D)	R	R	R
McFarland (D)	R	R	R
ARKANSAS			
McClellan (D)	W	W	W
Fulbright (D)	W	W	W
CALIFORNIA			
Downey (D)	R	R	R
Knowland (R)	W	W	W
FLORIDA			
Pepper (D)	R	R	R
Holland (D)	W	W	W
GEORGIA			
George (D)	W	W	W
Russell (D)	W	W	W
ILLINOIS			
Lucas (D)	R	R	R
Douglas (D)	R	R	R
INDIANA			
Capehart (R)	W	R	W
Jenner (R)	W	W	W
IOWA			
Hickenlooper (R)	W	W	W
Gillette (D)	R	R	R
KENTUCKY			
Chapman (D)	W	W	W
Withers (D)	R	R	R
LOUISIANA			
Ellender (D)	PW	PW	PW
Long (D)	R	R	R
MARYLAND			
Tydings (D)	R	W	W
O'Conor (D)	R	W	W
MICHIGAN			
Vandenberg (R)	W	W	W
Ferguson (R)	W	W	W
MINNESOTA			
Thye (R)	R	R	W
Humphrey (D)	R	R	R
MISSISSIPPI			
Eastland (D)	W	W	W
Stennis (D)	W	W	W
MISSOURI			
Donnell (R)	W	W	W
Kem (R)	W	W	W
NEW JERSEY			
Smith (R)	W	W	W
Hendrickson (R)	W	W	W
NEW YORK			
Wagner (D)	O	O	O
Ives (R)	R	R	R
NORTH CAROLINA			
Hoey (D)	W	W	W
Graham (D)	R	R	R
OHIO			
Taft (R)	W	W	W
Bricker (R)	W	W	W
OREGON			
Cordon (R)	W	W	W
Morse (R)	R	R	R
PENNSYLVANIA			
Myers (D)	R	R	R
Martin (R)	W	W	W
SOUTH CAROLINA			
Maybank (D)	W	W	W
Johnston (D)	R	R	R
TENNESSEE			
McKellar (D)	R	R	R
Kefauver (D)	R	R	R
TEXAS			
Connally (D)	W	W	W
Johnson (D)	W	W	W
VIRGINIA			
Byrd (D)	W	W	W
Robertson (D)	W	W	W
WASHINGTON			
Magnuson (D)	R	R	R
Cain (R)	W	W	W
WEST VIRGINIA			
Kilgore (D)	R	R	R
Neely (D)	R	R	R
WISCONSIN			
Wiley (R)	W	W	W
McCarthy (R)	W	W	W

Henderson Resigns As President; Appointed Administrative Director

By unanimous vote of the FTA Intl. Executive Board, meeting in Philadelphia July 24, the resignation of President Donald Henderson was accepted and his unanimous appointment as National Administrative Director of FTA was announced.

The action was taken after a day long discussion, and was voted in a resolution praising Donald Henderson as the "outstanding leader of FTA."

John Tisa was unanimously elected Acting General President of FTA in addition to his present post as Director of Organization.

Full text of the FTA Executive Board resolution follows.

In offering his resignation as General President, Donald Henderson submitted a statement, which was unanimously adopted by the Board, saying that he was taking this step as "a protest against the Taft-Hartley law."

At the same time he repeated his full approval of the union's decision to sign "to protect our members against the reactionary drive of the bosses and increased raiding of our membership by certain unions."

"I do this to strengthen the determination of the membership and the leaders of this union to carry out the fight against Taft-Hartleyism and to continue to carry out the militant progressive programs adopted by our union."

STATEMENT OF FTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Intl. Executive Board of FTA voted on the recommendation of General President Donald Henderson at its June meeting to comply with the affidavits required by the Taft-Hartley law for use of the Natl. Labor Relations Board.

As stated at that time, the action was taken to strengthen our union against increasing attacks by employers and against the disruptive raiding that has become the official policy of the national CIO.

We have no illusions that compliance with Taft-Hartley will solve our problems. Our sole purpose in complying is to defend our union in certain situations.

President Donald Henderson is convinced that in the interests of the union and its members he should offer his resignation as General President. He has presented to the Board a detailed statement of the reasons for his resignation.

The International Executive Board has accepted President Henderson's resignation in the spirit in which it is offered—as a protest against the infamous Taft-Hartley law and all it stands for. We urge the entire membership of FTA to read and study his statement.

Tisa Elected

The Board has unanimously elected John Tisa to the position of Acting General President in addition to his present position of Director of Organization.

Donald Henderson is the outstanding leader of FTA, and has been its leader since it was founded in 1937.

He was the first to see the need and possibility of organizing the workers in the most bitterly exploited industries of America—the food, tobacco and fiber processing workers. He was the first to see the need for organizing agricultural workers and for bringing them the same protection that industrial workers have through unions. He was the first to apply the principles of industrial unions to these workers, and is the only leader in CIO who has consistently fought to bring these workers into the progressive labor movement.

Donald Henderson saw what others failed or refused to see — the opportunity to bring hundreds of thousands of food and tobacco workers into the labor movement, and thereby strengthen it both economically and politically.

Champion of Minorities

Henderson has been the consistent champion of the Negro workers, the Mexican workers, the workers of all oppressed minorities in our country. Under his leadership FTA has become a symbol of hope for millions of people who suffer from discrimination and jim crow. He has pointed the way for white workers in the South, the Southwest and other regions to liberate themselves through unity with their Negro and Mexican brothers.

Under his leadership, FTA has become the spokesman for civil rights, for economic and social justice for the workers in our jurisdiction. Until FTA, no one spoke for these workers in Washington or any other legislative center. They were the twice-forgotten men of America, until FTA raised its voice on their behalf. Today these men and women workers are moving toward full citizenship in our land, under the leadership of FTA and Donald Henderson.

As FTA's representative on the national CIO Executive Board Donald Henderson has consistently stood for full democracy and autonomy of member unions in the CIO. He led the fight at the 1948 CIO convention for the right of international unions to form their own policies and programs, based on the will of their membership. He led the fight for the most basic of all rights in the labor movement —the right of the membership to voice their own opinions and make their own decisions, free of dictation from above.

World Known

Henderson's leadership is known not only in our country but throughout the world. He has played a major role in building world labor unity through the World Federation of Trade Unions. He has long led the fight for world peace in America. His leadership was shown again at the April World Peace Congress in Paris, where he was the main speaker of the U. S. delegation and told of the American workers' hatred of war.

Because of these things, Henderson has been singled out for viciouss attack by employers and their agents in Congress. He has been the target of equally vicious abuse by reactionary labor leaders. Such attacks only prove the quality of his leadership.

The International Executive Board, acting under the authority of the FTA International Constitution, wishes to retain for our members the valuable contributions which can be made by Donald Henderson to the building of FTA. We cannot permit the Taft-Hartley law to deprive us of his services.

Therefore the Intl. Executive Board unanimously appoints Donald Henderson as National Administrative Director of FTA, in the conviction that this will assure our members of his continued services as leader of a fighting, progressive union.

Statement of Resignation of Donald Henderson, General President, FTA-CIO

To: INT'L EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND ALL MEMBERS OF FTA

At our last International Executive Board Meeting in June this Board voted unanimously that the International Union comply with the legal requirements so that the Union might have access to the National Labor Relations Board in certain specific situations to better enable us to protect the interests of our membership.

As your General President I recommend this change in policy to the Board. I approve completely of the Board's statement of policy adopted June 8, 1949 taking that step.

This Board reaffirmed its complete opposition to the Taft-Hartley law and its detemination to fight for complete repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. This Board pointed out its belief that the compliance provisions of the law were unconstitutional and violated the Bill of Rights.

This Board complied only to meet certain specific situations where it was necessary to use the National Labor Relations Board to protect our members against the reactionary drive of the bosses and increased raiding of our membership on the part of certain unions. With these decisions of this Board I completely agree.

Key Issues

The key issues before the American workers today are the issues of unemployment, wage increases, job security, civil rights and peace. The key issue is the successful carrying out of the progressive and militant program of this Union in the interests of its memberhip and not the political views of myself or any other individual in this union.

More than words are necessary to demonstrate to our membership and to the working class of the United States that this Union does not intend to give up its militant program and its progressive policies. More than words are necessary to demonstrate to our membership to register the deep resentment of this Union and its members to the infamous Taft-Hartley law.

I am, therefore, tendering my resignation to this Board as General President of this International Union. I do this as a protest against the Taft-Hartley law and against the signing of the unconstitutional non-communist affidavit on principle.

I do this to strengthen the determination of the membership and the leaders to continue to carry out the full militant progressive programs adopted by our Union.

I have devoted the major part of my life to help to build progressive labor unionism in America. I shall continue to devote my life to this purpose. I shall continue in whatever capacity this Board may decide to carry on a militant struggle for organization of the unorganized, against raiding, for better contracts for our members, against red-baiting and for labor unity and world peace.

Donald Henderson . . . resigned as FTA President, appointed National Administrative Director.

FTA in Forefront

Since our founding July 1937 FTA has been in the forefront of progressive unionism throughout the country with the progressive and militant progams adopted by our Conventions and our local memberships. It is my firm conviction that these militant and progressive programs of FTA, supported by our memoership, adopted at our International Conventions shall continue to be carried out in full.

In no way should compliance with the Taft-Hartley law be permitted to weaken the militant progressive character of our Union and the leadership that it is giving to the entire labor movement in the fight against the bosses.

The workers in our industries are among the most exploited and discriminated against throughout the nation. Allied against them are the monopolized food and tobacco trusts and reactionary agricultural interests. This makes it doubly necessary that the progressive fighting character of our Union be maintained. FTA has become an outstanding symbol as a leader in the progressive trade union movement in the United States and throughout the world.

As your General President since the founding of this Union in July 1937, I have had the privilege and honor to help give leadership in carrying out the programs desired and adopted by the membership and this Board. Particularly within the last few years I have been privileged and honored to play an especially leading part in the struggle for the carrying out of militant demands, wage increases, against unemployment and for decent contracts fo our membership.

Based on the programs adopted at FTA Conventions I have had the honor and obligation to be one of the leaders in the struggle within National CIO for a constructive program against raiding, for peace programs, and for democracy and for the right of autonomy of unions in CIO to run their own affairs and determine their own policies.

I have helped in the struggle against the splitting of the world-wide struggle for peace. These positions which I have taken and fought for have been based on the needs and desires of the membership of FTA and on the programs adopted by our National Conventions.

I am convinced that I can best serve this Union and our membership by taking this step of resigning to demonstrate to the membership that we mean business about carrying out our progressive program, Taft-Hartleyism or no Taft-Hartleyism.

I am sure that I will be freer to serve in any capacity this Board may designate and to continue to carry on the fight on all thesse basic issues so vital to the well being and needs of our membership.

I urge that this resignation be accepted unanimously by this Board. I hope this resignation will become a symbol whereby this entire Union rededicates itself to the job of organizing the unorganized and carrying out the militant and progressive trade union policies upon which it was founded and has grown.

FTA 80 & 194 Charge Campbells Pay 'Steal'

Workers at the Camden and Chicago plants of the Campbell Soup Co. are regularly robbed of weekly premium pay up to $36.30 a week, FTA Locals 80 and 194 charged in a pamphlet study of the Campbell-Bedaux incentive pay system released this week.

The pamphlet, based on an exhaustive survey of the Bedaux system as adapted by Campbells, showed that workers who should receive premium pay of $48.50 are paid only $12.20, due to the phony methods used in setting the "100 percent effectiveness" which Campbell workers must reach in order to qualify for premium.

"Under the Bedaux system as used by Campbell, the worker is expected to produce at '100 percent effectiveness,' the union study said. "If he doesn't he's fired.

"If he produces above what Campbells chooses to call 100 percent effectiveness, he gets a premium theoretically equal to the amount over 100 percent that he puts out."

Here's the Rub

But here's where the joker comes—the "100 percent effectiveness" set by Campbells is actually "two-thirds or 66 percent above the true normal that an average worker produces—and that's without loafing or being pushed.

"Thus the Campbell-Bedaux system starts out by jacking up the normal effectiveness by two - thirds. The Campbell worker has to put out 66 percent more effort before he begins to make a premium."

The study, which compared four speedup systems with straight piece rates, found that under the straight piece rate a Campbell Soup worker was entitled to $48.50 a week.

Working at 133 percent effectiveness (average) in Campbell's plants is 128), the Bedaux system pays $12.20 premium, while straight piece rate would pay $48.50.

'Bust Premium Racket'

With negotiations under way now, the two FTA locals "aim to bust this premium racket wide open. The first step is to get a substantial wage increase in the new contract now being negotiated.

"These facts prove that Campbell workers have a substantial wage increase coming to them—and they show the way through united, militant union action through Local 80 and 194 to get it," the pamphlet concludes.

Eleven leaders of CIO unions, including FTA President Henderson, met with 400 rank and filers in Washington to put steam into the fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. The group called on President Truman to reorganize the "fight for unequivocal repeal of Taft-Hartley and restoration of the Wagner Acts" at this session of Congresss. President Henderson spoke at the conference, is shown here seated at the speakers table. FTA sent the second largest delegation to the meeting—54 delegates in all.

FTA Defends Negro Home

The brutal beating of Lorena Ballard, business agent for FTA Local 82, Modesto, Calif., for defending a Negro worker's right to live in his own home has called forth a wide protest movement in California.

Sister Ballard was attacked by a white supremacist when she defended FTA member John Turner's wife and two children from a mob attack on their house. The attack was provoked by race haters who were threatening them with violence. She had to be taken to the hospital.

FTA locals are asked to demand strict prosecution of the attacker, to demand police protection for the Turner family and all others threatened similarly, and to set up special committees to push for civil rights and jobs for all Negroes and other minorities.

FTA 82 Blasts Bridges Persecution

Local 82, met recently to nominate officers for the Executive Board, passed a resolution condemning the continued persecution of Harry Bridges, elected delegates to a Conference on Culture and Peace which will be held by the California Labor School in San Francisco and heard a report on the status of negotiations with the Pacific Grape Products Company.

An election committee was set up to handle the election for officers. Elected to the Committee were: John Schoolcraft, Pearly Dishong, Irma Jones, Alberta Tennis.

The resolution condemning the persecution of Bridges said: "Brother Bridges and the union he sesrves have twice been cleared of the ground-of the groundless, shopworn charges which are renewed again for the purpose of smashing the ILWU.

"The overwhelming majority of orgnized labor and its friends will recognize that the attempt to "get" Bridges and his associates, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, is directed not against them as individuals but against their union and the rest of the labor movement."

Facts for Workers

Want to know how much industry profits went up last year? How far behind the cost-of-living eight-ball the worker wound up? Why big business is getting bigger and jobs scarcer? How many workers belong to unions? Just what's in the Taft-Hartley act?

Answers to questions like these — and thousands more — are included in Labor Fact Book 9, ($2) issued every two years by Labor Research Assn., 80 E. 11 St., New York 3, N. Y. The most widely used labor reference book in the English language, the 191-page ninth volume includes entirely new material and covers the years 1947 and 1948, as well as the early months of 1949.

The first two chapters give a factual picture of the trends and current state of the American economy, reviewing production, distribution of income, movement of prices, sales trends, growth of unemployment, profits, mergers, anti-trust activities and growth of monopolies.

For the first time since Labor Fact Book 5, a separate chapter is included on the struggle for civil liberties in the U. S. Main section of the volume is devoted to examining the conditions of workers. It shows worsening of their living standards as the American

297 WINS 10¢

Ten cents an hour more was added to the paychecks of workers at the Continental Coffee Co. of New York in the contract just negotiated by FTA Local 297, President D. L. Fisher and Secretary Vera Parton report.

Additional job adjustments will add another 20 cents to the pay of certain workers, the report adds. Six paid holidays are included, as are a paid sick leave plan and other minor benefits.

Members of the negotiating committee were: Frank Perez, Bernice Smith, Betty Hastyk, Vera Parton and D. L. Fisher.

75 Picket Biased Store; 6 Seized

Six pickets from Local 75, Houston, Tex., and the local Progressive Party were arrested for picketing a store that refused to employ any Negro help, despite the fact that the store is in the heart of a Negro section. They were dismissed in court after Local 75 Business Agent Jack Van Raalte pointed out that the Bill of Rights guarantees the right to peaceful protest.

THE PREMIUM RACKET

AND HOW THE CAMPBELL SOUP CO. WORKS IT!

Pamphlet shown above surveys the Bedaux speedup pay system that gyps Campbell Soup workers out of their rightly earned premium every wek. Pamphlet was based on survey of Bedaux plan made by FTA Local 80, Camden and Local 194, Chicago.

. The "Trenton Six," whose death sentence on a frameup murder charge was unanimously reversed by the N.J. Supreme Court, are shown at the time of the arrest. FTA, the Civil Right Congress, the weekly "National Guardian" and other progressive groups fought for and secured the new trial.

FTA Fights 'Legal' Lynch Frameup in N. Carolina

Leafhouse tobacco workers in eastern North Carolina, members of Local 10 ad 22, have taken the lead in fighting for the freedom of Bennie and Lloyd Ray Daniels, 17 and 16 year old Negro cousins who were sentenced to death by a Greenville, N.C., court for the murder of a white cab driver —a crime they did not commit.

Joined by leaders of other progressive unions, church and civic organizations they have organized a statewide defense committee to raise funds to cover the legal expenses of the appeal and to warn the working people of the south and the nation of the danger of the growing wave of forced confessions and legal lynchings of Negro people.

Cornelius Simmons, vice-president of Local 10, who first called attention to the frame-up and secured defense attorneys, is co-chairman of the state committee along with Mrs. Minna Abernathy of Chapel Hill, N.C.

"White people — white businessmen, white workers, and and union members—must join in fighting for the protection of Negroes from lawlessness before it is too late," declares the committee in its four-page pamphlet entitled "Greenville Lynch Justice is Aimed at You."

"The root of insecurity for us all is the brutal sharecropper oppression of Negro labor —'Lien 'em in the spring, jail 'em in the fall'. That is the story of Greenville in the tobacco belt. It is the source of Southern poverty. If its alarming speed is not stopped, the growing power and boldness of its hate-ridden agents will lead to more acts of violence against unionists, white and Negro, who fight for better conditions."

The cousins were convicted on the strength of long, trickily worded confessions. Here is what the boys themselves say about the "confessions":

Lloyd Ray Daniels: "After I was arrested I was taken by three officers to the woods near Williamston, N.C., handcuffed, and told to get out of the car and tell who killed that white man. I was told if I wanted to see my mama again, I had better own that Bennie and I did it. I asked what they were going to do. They said, 'Kill you.' After I had stood in the rain, wet and nearly frozen, (this was in February), they said, 'This is your last chance.' and pulled some object from behind them. I said, 'Yes.'"

Bennie Daniels: "The officers brought me a piece of paper with some printing on it and asked me if I could write my name. I said, 'Yes, sir.' They said, 'Put your name on here.' I said, 'I don't know what it is, I stopped school in the first or second grade.' They said, 'N----r, if you don't write your name, we'll blow your damn brains out.' So I wrote my name."

Although there was considerable evidence pointing to the guilt of a white man and woman, police ignored it and suppressed it in the trial.

The committee asks that letters be sent to Governor Kerr Scott, Raleigh, N.C. telling him to find the real killers and to discharge Policeman Gibbs, who was promoted to the State Bureau of Investigation on his record of the extorted confessions.

Money badly needed to prepare for the appeal should be sent to the Daniels Defense Committee, Nat Bond Temporary Treasurer, 313 Lawson Street, Durham, N.C. Copies of the pamphlet telling the complete story are available at this address.

HERE ARE YOUR FACTS...

"We're All Partners"

The bosses aren't overlooking any angles in their drive to sweat more production and profits out of their workers.

The speedup campaign was discussed in this column several months ago. The speedup is tied in with another scheme which employers are pushing for all they're worth. They are trying to sell workers the idea that they are partners in the business they work for and therefore should step up production, keep their noses to the grindstone, never ask for higher pay, and stay away from unions.

Some company spokesmen are quite frank about the real purpose behind these moves. As one of them puts it:

"By taking workers into the company's fullest confidence, great forward strides, not only in lessening higher pay demands, but in reducing all forms of wages and in increasing productivity can be gained."

Bosses' Gimmicks

Slick company magazines, letters from the president to the workers, sports and social affairs sponsored by the company, and meetings during working hours are some of the methods being used to try to make workers feel that their employer has their best interests at heart and that they have a stake in the business.

Some of the other gimmicks in the bosses' "employe relations" program are:

(1) Profit-sharing. A lot of companies are going in for "profit sharing" systems under which workers are supposed to get part of the company's profits. There actually is an outfit called the "Council of Profit Sharing Industries" which was set up a year or two ago to promote profit sharing.

One big catch in this scheme is that the workers' "share" in the profits is usually mighty small. The profit-sharing begins only after the boss takes out a big cut for himself. As one expert on the subject puts it:

"Profit sharing begins only after the employers' reserve is set aside. This profit sharing hedge can be as large as the employer wants to make it."

(2) Selling Stock to Workers. This is supposed to make the worker think he owns the joint, so that he'l knock himself outturning out more and more production to get a dollar or two in dividends at the end of the year.

The New York Journal of Commerce cites the following "advantages" of selling stock to employees:

"...an added incentive to efficiency and productiveness, a new pride and sense of ownership among the employees in the enterprise, their recognition of the viewpoint of investors and of the importance of capital in industry and business, and a lessening of class consciousness and strike agitation."

(3) Suggestion Systems. Still another angle is the suggestion system. Workers are encouraged to think up ways of increasing production and saving the company money. The worker usually is paid a small sum for ideas which may save the company thousands of dollars. A little while later he may find he has "suggested" himself or some other worker out of a job.

A "National Association of Suggestion Systems" has been formed to promote this idea.

(4) "We're All Partners". The National Association of Manufacturers has a new line since its man Dewey got beaten at the polls last November. Its new slogan is "Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow for Everybody". The new president of NAM has been traveling around the country preaching "partnership" and "equality" between labor and industry.

The idea is: "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em." The NAM is now trying to cuddle up to the workers and make them believe the boss and not the union is the best friend of the American working man.

Workers who remember the NAM's dirty anti-union record and how it has fought every decent social reform for the last 30 years will steer clear of any "partnership" with this outfit.

FTA Wins Raises in 7 Leafhouses

New pay raises won in FTA leafhouses in North Carolina and Virginia have brought wages up 60% and more over rates paid when FTA went into the leafhouses two years ago.

The increases were won by Locals 10 and 22 in North Carolina and Local 45 in Richmond, Va. They cover some 2,200 workers in seven plants of the Export Tobacco Co.

Leafhouse wages two years ago were as little as 40 cents an hour. The new increases bring them up to 10 cents an hour over those in unorganized houses. It is also recognized in the industry that unorganized plants have been forced to increase their rates due to FTA action in the organized plants.

Vacation pay was won for workers with a minimum of 400 hours work during the season in five of the plants. This is the first time the minimum qualification for vacation pay has been set so low.

Six holidays in the North Carolina plants were retained from the old contract, under which premium pay is received if the holidays are worked.

FTA WINS TOP CANNERY PAY IN MIDWEST

FTA Local 59's newest contract with the Libby, McNeill and Libby Co. in Rochester, Minn., has brought wages any cannery in the midwest. there up to the highest level of The top was reached with a recent increase of three cents.

The new contract also threw out a company job evaluation plan that would have cut wages of seasonal workers by 10 cents an hour, the local reports. Defeat of this scheme blocks continuous company attempts to drive a wedge between the year-round workers and those hired for the season. Unity of seasonal and non-seasonal workers did the trick.

On the negotiating committee were Lowell Schultz, president, Lloyd Groby, vice-persident and Ernest Koch. They were helped by Regional Director Paul Grander and Intl. Organizer Robert Buse.

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And here's for really looking on the bright side of things—from Barron's weekly, a sheet for big biz executives: "Layoffs are painful, but they do induce those who are still on the job to work harder, and they also tend to bring the working force of the nation down to those who really want jobs."

EAT BEANS AND BRING PRICES DOWN!
A GULLIBLE FELLOW WAS BOB...
NOW OFF TO WORK YOU GO, SONNY...
PRODUCE MORE AND DON'T ASK FOR MORE MONEY!
WHO HADN'T MUCH SENSE IN HIS KNOB...
HE WORKED LIKE A HORSE... REDUCING THE FORCE...
NOW BOB IS OUT OF A JOB....

Local 29 Wins New Contract

Several gains were won in the new contract just signed by FTA Local 29 at the Columbia Conserve Co. in Indianapolis.

The gains included time and a half after eight hours work, an additional paid holiday plus improved vacations, stronger seniority provisions, group insurance with the company paying 80 percent of the premium and a clause forbidding supervisory personnel to work on hourly rated jobs.

On the negotiating committee were Edward L. Norris, David Johnson, Alta Coleman, Opal Allen and Edna Beddel.

Save Disabled Job

Quick work by President Leo G. LaCroix of the Ellsworth Division of FTA Local 400 and the grievance committee saved the job of a handicapped member when the company tried to force him into work unreasonably hard even for a non-handicapped worker.

The division's grievance committee and President LaCroix met with the company and were able to persuade it to re-assign the handicapped brother to the kind of work he had been hired for. Regional Director Warren Horie helped iron out the grievance.

Harry Bridges, under employer-inspired government attack for the fourth time, has just been elected head of the new World Federation of Maritime Workers. U.S. Attorney-General Tom Clark has bluntly said the new persecution of Bridges is aimed at breaking the strike of ILWU workers in Hawaii.

FTA Protests Threat to Deport Luisa Moreno

A threat to deport Luisa Moreno, for many years a leader in the organization of food and tobacco workers, brought an official protest from the FTA Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia and an appeal for similar protests from the thousands of workers who were helped by her when she was active in FTA.

Sister Moreno, before her recent marriage and retirement from union activity, was a vice president of FTA and a beloved leader of Mexican, Negro and other minorities as well as of food and tobacco workers in general.

"Because of her militant leadership, the Immigration Service made it impossible for her to become a citizen," the Board resolution said, pointing out that she was now under bail for deportation to her native country of Guatemala.

"Luisa Moreno's service to the workers began long before the founding of FTA," the Board said. "In Florida, in the Southwest, on the West Coast, her leadership has left its mark in improved conditions and greater liberty of the oppressed people for whom she fought and of whom she was one.

"This Executive Board strongly condemns the attempt of the Government to punish Sister Moreno for her contributions to the labor movement and the fight for full citizenship for minorities.

"We pledge her our support and we know that the thousands of workers who have known and loved her will join the campaign to put an end to this persecution."

The Board urged letters of protest to Watson B. Miller, Immigration Service, Washington 52, D.C.

Luisa Moreno . . . longtime leader of FTA and known for her pioneer work among food and tobacco workers, threatened with deportation; FTA urgess protests to halt this railroading.

That WAS Yesterday...

"It is asserted that certain interests here in the United States threaten our institutions and threaten our form of government—and I speak now with particular reference to the Communist Party—but what could constitute a graver threat to the prepetuity of our free existence in the U.S.A., our democratic way of life in America, than this fiscal picture (of profits) I have taken the privilege of presenting to you here in this forenoon session of this convention—a far greater threat than anything which ever presented itself to the people of the United States.

"I say that a 15 billion dollar profit for American industry constitutes a threat, a threat to our national economy, and constitutes a grave threat to our system of free enterprise in the U.S.A."

That was Philip Murray, speaking as President of the CIO at the Eighth Constitutional CIO Convention, Atlantic City, N.J., November 23, 1946.

Justice'—Georgia Style

An all-white grand jury in Irwinton, Ga. refused to indict two white men held in connection with the lynching of Caleb Hill Jr., a Negro, on May 20. The two men, on whom the Georgia Bureau of Investigation had said there was enough evidence to obtain indictments, are Dennis Lamar Purvis, local businessman, and Malcolm Vivian Pierce.

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FTA Complies With T-H Act; Henderson Becomes Director; Tisa Is Acting President

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1,200 Campbell Soup workers who would have lost their unemployment compensation if they had been unable to register in time were helped by FTA Local 80, Camden, N. J. Local volunteers aided by staff people from the state unemployment compensation board did a rush job of registration in the union hall. Filling out forms at table are (from left) Local 80 members Evelyn Hatchel, Jean Wertz and Sylvia Neff. Showing sister Neff the proper method to follow is William Dickerson of the state board. Among the workers registering was Mrs. Inetha Kennedy, standing at left. Mrs. Kennedy is holding little Linda, aged 16 months.